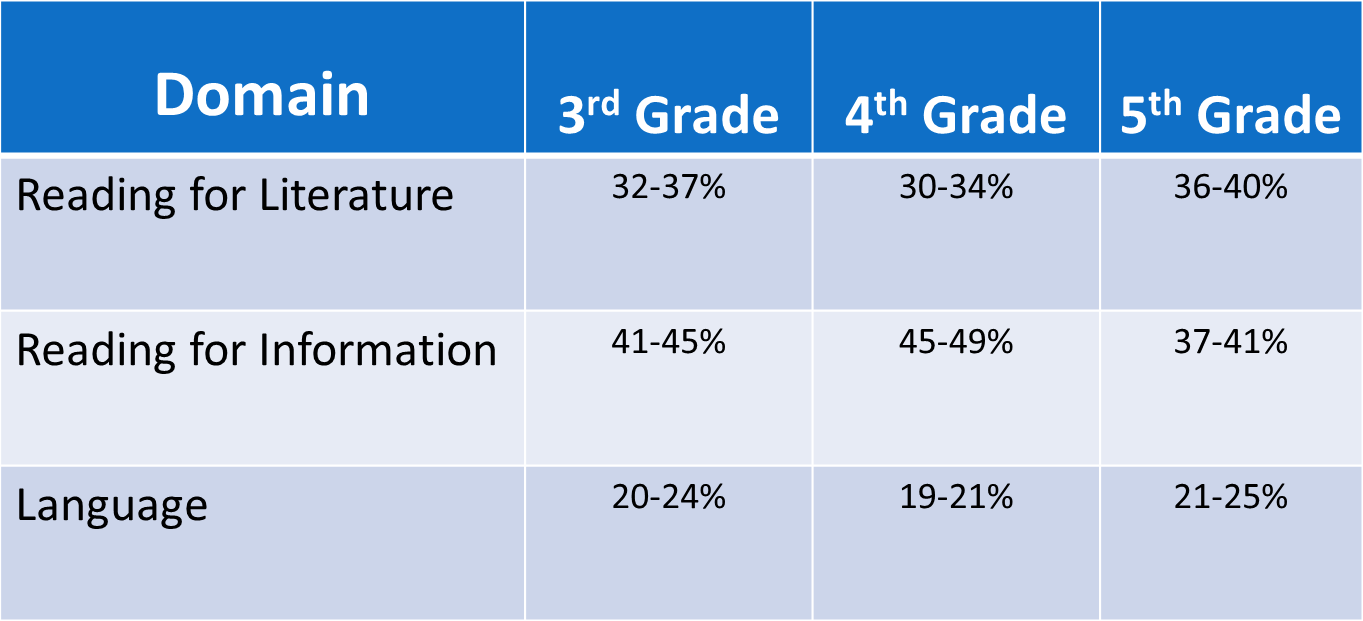
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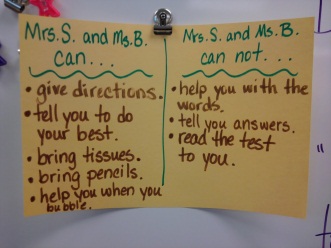
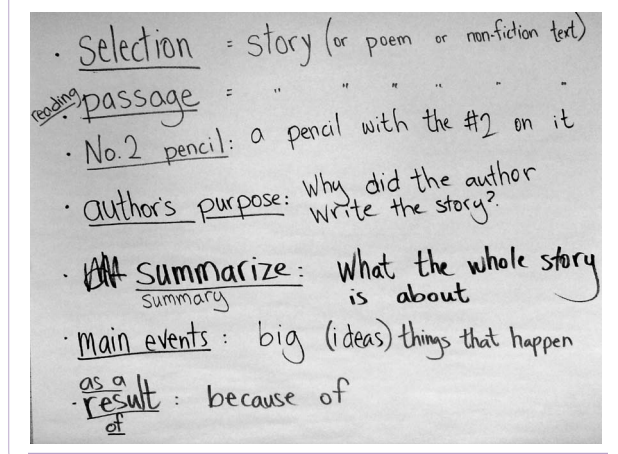
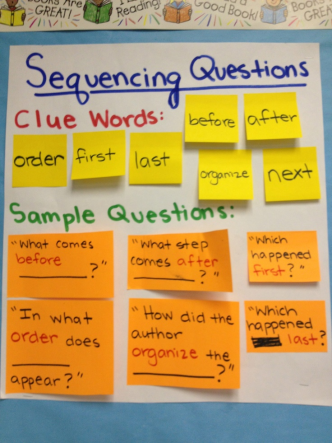


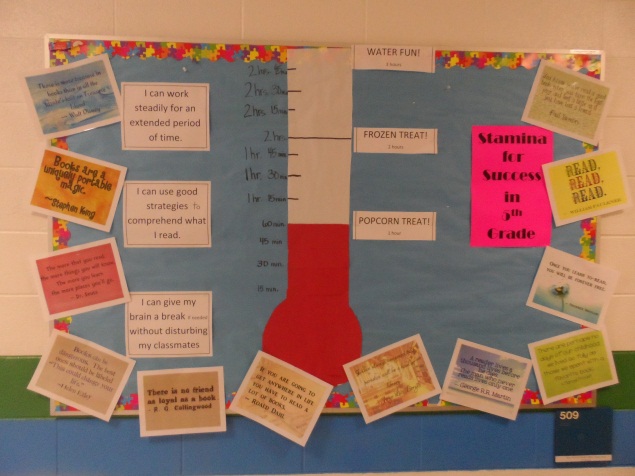
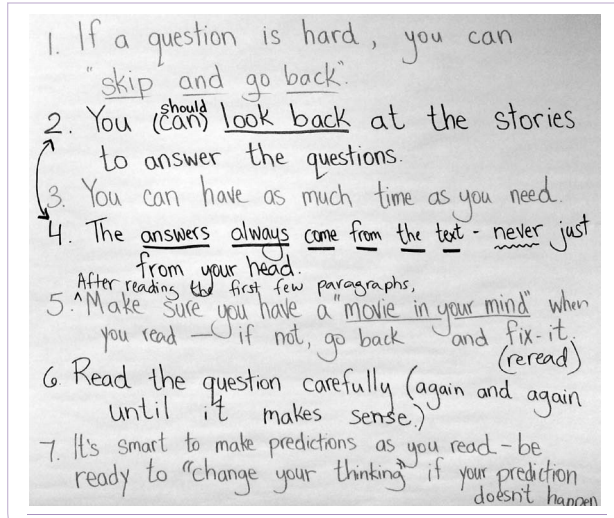
**Best Practice:**

* Analyze the test
  + - Take the test yourself
    - What skills and strategies did you use to complete the questions?
    - What vocabulary did you have to know?
* Demystify the test for students
  + - What do you know about the EOG? What are you wondering?
    - Show students the format of the test
    - Use test material that matches the test
* Define test-specific vocabulary
  + - Create a word wall – “Words that Help Us Become Test-Taking Superstars”
    - Play vocabulary games
* Teach the test taker – not the test!
  + - What do test takers do?
    - Monitor Comprehension
    - What do the standards look like on the test?
    - Formal language
    - Model
    - What skill is needed when answering the questions? (4 answer choices)
* Develop strategies to increase reading stamina
  + - Increase independent reading time
    - Who? What?/ STP strategy
    - Mind breaks
* Keep it short and sweet!

**Other Suggestions to Think About When Planning:**

* Grouping students by need/ability
* Rotations
* Test prep breaks - motivation
* Competitions
* Building stamina
* Role play (students teach)



**Websites**:

* NC Public Schools Accountability

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/>

* NC DPI

<http://www.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/>

* Randolph County K-5 Instruction Wiki

<http://randolphk-5instruction.wikispaces.com/>

* Engage NY Annotated 2013 3-8 ELA and Mathematics State Test Questions

<http://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-common-core-sample-questions>

* Smarter Balance Assessment Samples

<http://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/assessment/smarter-balanced/sbac-sample-items>

* Standardized Tests as a Unit of Study

<http://www.frankserafini.com/classroom-resources/standardized-tests-as-a.pdf>

* Released Reading Items – Grade 4 NAEP

<http://www.doe.k12.de.us/aab/files/NAEP/NAEP_2011_Rdg_Gr4_Released.pdf>

* Achieve the Core – Assessment Tools

[www.achievethecore.org](http://www.achievethecore.org)



**Resources:**

